

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No. 10/617,822
Atty Docket No.: Q71182

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 4, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 20 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-10 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2 and 11-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by the newly cited WO 02/39433.

In response, applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporated the recitations of claims 3, 5, 7 and 9 and have canceled claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 to 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20.

In view of the above, applicants submit that all of the claims that remain in the application contain subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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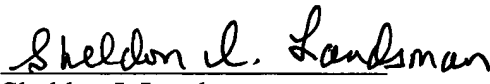
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